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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ECON, EINV, EPAP, MR
SUBJ: SUGAR REFINERY

REF: STATE 220398

1. PLEASE INFORM ED OLIPHANT, PRESIDENT OF J.F. PRITCHARD CO.,
TEL: 816-531-9500 THAT A GERMAN CITIZEN EXPERT IN THE MINISTRY
OF INDUSTRY AND FISHING ALERTED ME TODAY OF A QUOTE NEGATIVE
TENDENCY END QUOTE DEVELOPING IN THE MINISTRY. HE STATED THAT UNLESS
PRITCHARD AQUIESCES TO THE GIRM'S MOST RECENT DEMAND THAT THE
FORMER COMPLETE INSTALLATION OF ONE CONING LINE AND INSTALL
A MINIMUM OF ONE 50 MT CUBING LINE, WITH AN EVENTUAL ADDITIONAL
50 MT CUBING LINE TO PROVIDE FOR A TOTAL PRODUCTION OF 150 TONS
PER 24-HOUR (3 SHIFTS) WORKDAY, THE GIRM WILL GO TO LITIGATION
IN THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. WE UNDERSTAND GIRM
HAS BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH PRITCHARD WHICH HAS PROMISED TO
REPLY ASAP.

2. THE GERMAN EXPERT, WHO IS FRIENDLY TO THE EMBASSY, AND WHO
IS AN ECONOMICS PROFESSOR ON LOAN TO GIRM (AND NOT A
SUGAR EXPERT) TOLD ME THAT THE GIRM ASKED HIM TO REEXAMINE
THE PROJECT. HIS FIRST STEP WAS TO SEND A TECHNICIAN TO STUDY
PRODUCTION METHODS IN THE SENEGALESE REFINERY AT RICHARDS
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TOLL. HE HAS ALSO ASKED FRG GOVERNMENT FOR PERMISSION TO
ACCEDE TO GIRM'S REQUEST THAT HE PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS
WITH PRITCHARD.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN UP-DATE ON PRITCHARD'S POSITION AND
AN INDICATION OF WHEN OLIPHANT PLANS TO RETURN TO MAURITANIA. KRYZA

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